

House File 421 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study to determine effective strategies
2 for encouraging low-income individuals to engage in energy
3 efficiency efforts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY EFFORTS — STUDY.

2 1. The utilities board of the utilities division of the
3 department of commerce, in consultation with the division of
4 community action agencies, shall conduct a study to determine
5 effective strategies or incentives to encourage low-income
6 individuals to engage in energy efficiency efforts or implement
7 energy efficiency projects and improvements. Such strategies
8 or incentives may take the form of expanding current energy
9 efficiency plans and programs developed by public utilities
10 and targeted toward qualified low-income individuals pursuant
11 to section 476.6, subsection 14; low-income energy assistance
12 and programs administered through the division pursuant to
13 chapter 216A; or a new program or financial incentive designed
14 to facilitate energy efficiency efforts by or on behalf of
15 low-income individuals.

16 2. The board shall submit a report containing its
17 recommendations to the members of the general assembly by
18 January 1, 2014.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill directs the Iowa utilities board, in consultation
21 with the division of community action agencies, to conduct
22 a study to determine effective strategies or incentives
23 to encourage low-income individuals to engage in energy
24 efficiency efforts or implement energy efficiency projects
25 and improvements. The bill provides that the strategies or
26 incentives developed may take the form of expanding current
27 energy efficiency plans and programs developed by public
28 utilities and targeted toward qualified low-income individuals
29 pursuant to Code section 476.6, subsection 14; low-income
30 energy assistance and programs administered through the
31 division pursuant to Code chapter 216A; or a new program or
32 financial incentive designed to facilitate energy efficiency
33 efforts by or on behalf of low-income individuals. The
34 bill requires the board to submit a report containing its
35 recommendations to the members of the general assembly by

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1 January 1, 2014.